

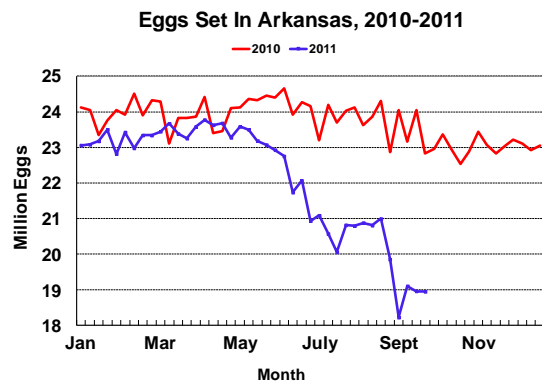
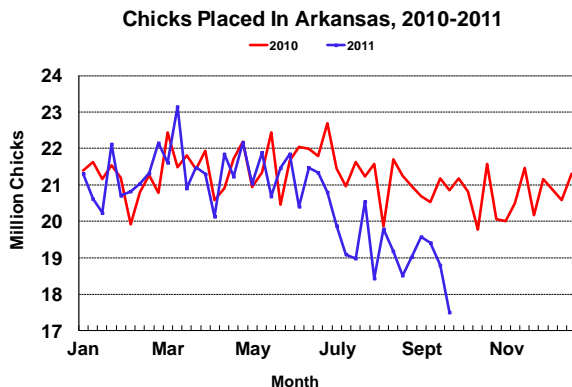


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 16 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 17.5 million during the week ending October 1, 2011. Placements were down 16 percent from the comparable week in 2010 and down 7 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 18.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 1, 2011, down 17 percent from the same period last year and down slightly from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, September 3 - October 1, 2011

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	3-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	1-Oct	3-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	1-Oct
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	26,364	26,394	25,701	27,117	25,491	19,276	19,616	20,087	18,304	19,259
Arkansas	19,852	18,223	19,104	18,961	18,949	19,024	19,575	19,412	18,793	17,501
Delaware	2,906	2,908	2,852	2,895	3,045	4,444	4,328	5,154	5,074	3,913
Florida	1,350	1,352	1,074	1,351	1,354	1,137	1,251	1,140	1,156	1,156
Georgia	31,519	31,151	29,570	31,268	30,766	26,269	25,851	26,026	27,801	26,676
Kentucky	7,484	7,393	7,129	7,729	6,893	6,287	6,198	6,747	5,910	6,162
Louisiana	2,947	3,258	3,183	3,242	3,258	2,952	2,928	2,851	2,676	2,909
Maryland	7,399	6,863	6,852	6,820	7,517	5,645	6,319	5,397	4,784	6,199
Mississippi	16,780	17,569	17,813	16,824	16,481	15,984	15,962	15,314	14,533	15,257
N. Carolina	18,960	17,302	18,245	18,670	18,270	15,378	14,969	15,445	15,218	13,845
Oklahoma	6,701	6,228	6,465	6,751	5,962	3,905	4,317	4,842	3,712	3,527
Pennsylvania	3,877	3,718	3,438	3,558	3,337	3,087	2,897	3,045	3,208	3,079
S. Carolina	4,891	4,892	5,522	5,263	4,956	5,146	4,629	4,932	3,699	3,702
Texas	14,223	14,367	12,835	14,048	13,113	11,648	11,503	11,481	11,745	11,356
Virginia	5,933	5,859	5,363	5,663	5,461	4,353	4,543	4,439	5,067	4,229
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,549	18,718	16,110	17,708	18,280	17,427	16,043	15,667	17,088	15,800
19 State Total	189,735	186,195	181,256	187,868	183,133	161,962	160,929	161,979	158,768	154,570
Prev. Year Total	203,941	204,833	196,963	205,808	197,354	170,109	170,626	169,940	167,630	169,617
% of Prev. Year	93	91	92	91	93	95	94	95	95	91

Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 183 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 1, 2011. This was down 7 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down 9 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 1, 2011. Placements were down 9 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through October 1, 2011 were 6.55 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.